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For the dogs

Skijoring - where racers on Nordic skis are pulled by dogs - was part of the annual Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre on March 4 and 5. This year marked the 15th anniversary of the event, which included kid and youth races, as well as six- and eight-dog races. See more on page 4. CHAD INGRAM Staff



Skate park gets financial infusion

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Less than a week after the municipality of Dysart launched a capital campaign for the new skate park in Haliburton, community organizations have stepped up and dedicated large sums of money to the project.

On Feb. 24, Dysart Deputy-reeve Andrea Roberts announced a campaign titled \$100,000 in 100 days, in the hopes of raising the final amount of money needed to construct a new skate park this year.

On March 2, the Haliburton Business Improvement Area announced they would be donating \$25,000 to the skate park.

BIA president Luke Schell said he only has to look to the town of Madoc to prove how a skate park and area designated for youth can contribute to a small town's vibrancy.

"I used to drive back and forth from Kingston pretty regularly," he said. "Before that skate park I thought Madoc looked like one of those towns that might

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Record number of snow days for Haliburton schools this winter

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

It may seem like the winter of 2016/2017 has brought on a record number of snow days for students in the Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

And in reality, it has.

Communications manager for the board, Catherine Shedden said to date this year there have been nine snow days for Haliburton schools.

"This is the most that Haliburton has had," said Shedden.

Other areas of the TLDSB district have also had a high number of inclement weather days, with Muskoka schools also

having nine this past winter and City of Kawartha Lakes schools having six.

"In some cases they have been different days," said Shedden.

Students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School were surprised to hear they have had nine snow days so far during this school year, saying it doesn't feel like that many.

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Nine snow days for Haliburton students so far

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Grade 11 students Brenden Black and Jake Hudson said it has felt like more than other years, however neither student is complaining.

"There can never be too many snow days," said Jake.

They admit there have been occasions when they have been secretly, or not so secretly, hoping for a snow day. Whether it's because of a test scheduled for the following day or a large project is due.

When asked if they've ever been disappointed a snow day has been called both are quick to say no, but then give it a bit more thought.

"Well it did mess up our exam schedule this year," said Jake.

A few of the inclement weather days occurred during the first few weeks back to school following the Christmas break.

This disruption affected the high school's performance of *Grease*, which Brenden was in. The student said that might have been the only time he was disappointed in a snow day.

Otherwise both Brenden and Jake think the board makes the right decision most of the time when determining if the buses should be cancelled or not.

When asked if the board has a plan in place for making up lost time due to inclement weather days, Shedden said the teachers adapt their lesson plans to account for the days away.

According to Shedden, the TLDSB transportation supervisor has been tracking snow days since the 2010/2011 school year.

BIA believes project will add to town's vibrancy and provide investment for youth

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be left behind as the retail world changed. I thought it wasn't a very progressive town. And they put that family activity park in and now I think of Madoc as a caring and vibrant community."

Schell said the decision to donate \$25,000 to the skate park was a unanimous one for the BIA executive.

The BIA is made up of approximately 80 businesses, located throughout the central downtown of the village.

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I'm really hopeful that in the future we expand the skate park to be more of a family activity park.

— Luke Schell
BIA president

"The downtown merchants are a perfect fit for expressing care for their youth in this community," said Schell. "I'm really hopeful that in the future we expand the skate park to be more of a family activity park."

The funds will come from the organization's general budget, and some savings accrued over the past few years, said Schell.

"We are all very pleased to have the opportunity to do this," he said.

The estimated total cost of the project is between \$150,000 to \$200,000, according to Dysart recreation coordinator Andrea Mueller. Prior to the capital campaign kicking off, \$70,000 had been raised.

The park will be relocated to the former ball diamond location, adjacent to the AJ LaRue arena in Haliburton Village. There will be a donor wall featuring those who contributed \$1,000 or more to the project.

There have been numerous fundraising events held during the past few years for the project, including two Battle of the Band nights and other initiatives.

The hope is to begin construction on the project this summer.

The Haliburton Rotary Club has also committed to match the municipality up to \$25,000 towards the skate park.

Other generous donations the skate park has received include from Walker's Home Hardware and Viper Marketing.

Lightning strikes Dysart, multiple times

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

An uncharacteristic thunderstorm kept Dysart firefighters busy on Friday, Feb. 24 as a few homes in Haliburton were struck by lightning.

Haliburton fire chief Mike Iles said the department received three calls on Feb. 24 and while attending one call had an individual walk up and ask for some assistance due to an odour in their house.

"All of them were a result of the lightning storm," said Iles.

The fire chief said the first call came through as a lightning strike with smoke in the basement.

"The end result was there was no fire," he said. "The

basement did have smoke in it. We did have to ventilate the smoke out."

None of the incidents resulted in any injuries. The calls all came within half an hour of each other, said Iles.

"The smoke in the basement call certainly had some electrical components damaged," he said.

One of the calls came from the housing development Whispering Pines, located on County Road 21. As a result of a lightning strike the building's elevator was not working, said Iles.

The fire chief said three of the calls came because residents were concerned about an odour and that if that is the case it's wise to call the fire department.

"Certainly the first call there was definite potential that it could have resulted in a fire," he said.

Get your wallet out – paid parking returns

JENN WATT

Editor

After a months-long hiatus, paid parking returned to Haliburton's main street on Feb. 23.

Meters had been covered since mid-November in order to assist businesses over the Christmas season and to encourage local shopping.

While the municipality typically covers meters from mid-November to mid-January, this year the winter weather delayed the return of paid parking.

"The 2017 term was extended to mid-February as a courtesy to provide ease of mobility in the village due to exceptional weather patterns," said Dysart et al treasurer Barbara Swannell in an email.

This additional month of respite didn't cost Dysart et al much in lost revenues, Swannell said.

Between mid-January and mid-February of 2016 about \$125 came in from the meters, Swannell said.

Time to place your guess for annual Ice Out contest

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Abbey Gardens moving forward with equine program

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Just outside the pony paddock at Abbey Gardens, the frigid sub-zero double-digit temperatures did little to chill the enthusiasm of Lesley English, who welcomed the official announcement of the provincial government's support for bringing a equine assisted learning opportunity to Haliburton County through Abbey Gardens.

With two Lac Lacroix Indian ponies and one miniature Appaloosa, the gardens has been working towards implementing its Abbey Gardens Pony Powered Learning Experience (APPLE) and welcomes the Ontario Trillium Foundation's \$26,500 grant to make their pilot project a reality.

English, who is the APPLE facilitator and trainer, said equine assisted learning is about personal growth and development, whether that is for children or adults. Team building exercises with the ponies is one possibility, which could be undertaken by classes, sports teams or even corporate groups.

Equine assisted learning has shown to benefit people in developing creative thinking, problem solving, teamwork, non-verbal communication, job satisfaction and build relationships.

The grant was awarded to the Maple Lake facility under the Green People effort – to encourage people to support a healthy and sustainable environment. This infusion of money will move the process forward, starting with English, who is set to receive training at a five-day workshop at the end of this month at the Dreamwinds Equine Assisted Learning Centre in Bradford to receive her certification in the Equine Assisted Learning Building Block Program. This program was developed by the Cartier Farms Equine Assisted Learning from Prince Albert, Sask., in partnership with the University of Regina and the University of Edmonton, English said.

The funding will also facilitate the next steps to deliver the program, which includes working with volunteers to figure out the best practices this summer in implementing the equine learning program, the marketing of it and construction of a learning kiosk on site, complete with a covered area and education signage.

Present for the announcement and delivery of the OTF plaque to Abbey Gardens for the financial commitment was Laurie Scott, MPP Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

In a press release, Scott said the grant will be given over nine months "to build environmental connections for youth and adults through the equine assisted learning program."

It added this effort will encourage people to support a healthy and sustainable environment, including unite people with the environment to understand their affect on it.

Also in attendance was the Gardens' operations director Heather Reid, who was excited as English about this funding and opportunity to make a vision a reality.

She said this program makes Abbey Gardens a destination. This is what the Gardens is all about, as it is more than just about sustainability and being part of preserving the Lac Lacroix, a rare Canadian breed, but also allows the public to connect with special animals in a unique and powerful way. Reid said these ponies are each unique and demand a certain type of engagement and confidence.

"You can't be distracted. You have to be present with them. That's part of their teaching power because as soon as that [particular horse] knows he can get an inch he takes a mile," she said.

Owning ponies and horses, and having grown up with them, Scott knows first-hand about the power of having a relationship with an animal for anyone of all ages.

"They are with you unconditionally. I think you get that bond, whether you're adults or children. There is a special bond with the pony and you look forward to that period of time you spend with them," she said, adding there is a calming effect. "It's a different type of friend that doesn't talk, but you just have that mutual relationship," she said.



Abbey Gardens executive director Heather Reid, left, APPLE (Abbey Gardens Pony Powered Learning Experience) facilitator and trainer Lesley English and volunteer Carol Kreiger accepted an Ontario Trillium Foundation plaque from MPP Laurie Scott, who attended on behalf of the provincial government in front of the pony's paddock at the gardens. The plaque recognized the \$26,500 OTF grant that will be given over nine months towards the APPLE program, which will provide personal growth and experiential learning with its equine assisted learning and equine assisted therapy using the Lac La Croix Indian ponies Maple and Sammy (and companion pony Flapjack, a miniature Blanket Appaloosa) as the teachers./DARREN LUM Staff

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And they're off

With temperatures in the minus double-digits, these huskies were in their element at the annual Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre on March 4 and 5.

Bill Beatty was given a special plaque for his 15 years of volunteering with the Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby, the award presented to him by MPP Laurie Scott and MP Jamie Schmale.



This pair of vocal pups were anxious for their time to shine at the annual Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby at the Pinestone March 4.



Spectators braved frigid temperatures to take in some dogsled derby action at the Pinestone on March 4.

With white snow and blue skies, conditions were prime for the Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre March 4 and 5. Competitors came not just from all over Ontario, but also states such as New York and Pennsylvania.

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Scott pleased with human trafficking bill

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Staff Reporter

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott is pleased the provincial government has tabled what it's calling the Anti-Human Trafficking Act, a piece of legislation which borrows heavily from the Saving the Girl Next Door Act, a private member's bill that Scott tabled in Queen's Park last year.

"I'm very happy that they took 99 per cent of my Saving the Girl Next Door Act," Scott told the Times. "I was actually hoping they'd do it a year ago. The government put it in their own legislation."

Scott said the important thing was that the province was taking action on the problem.

In late 2014, Scott, who is the PC party's critic for women's issues, spearheaded the creation of an all-party standing committee on sexual violence and harassment, on which she served as vice-chair.

An alarming finding in the committee's final report, which was released in 2015, was the frequency of human trafficking – typically of young girls and women for sexual purposes – occurring in Ontario.

"While human trafficking is commonly associated with foreign victims crossing international borders, recent charges and convictions indicate that the vast majority of victims in Canada (over 90 per cent) are trafficked domestically (i.e., all stages of the trafficking occur within Canadian borders)," the report read. "Human trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation has been found to be the most common form of trafficking in Canada, with Ontario functioning as a major 'hub.' In these cases, traffickers force victims to provide sexual services to customers, usually in exchange for money."

Two thirds of all police-reported human trafficking cases in Canada happen in Ontario.

Last year, Scott tabled the Saving the Girl Next Door Act, which, among other protections for victims, recommended giving them the option to sue their traf-

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— HKLB MPP Laurie Scott

fickers, rather than having to go through the trauma of reliving their experience in a courtroom. It received second reading on Feb. 18, 2016, but was never called to committee by the government, the next step in turning a bill into a law.

The Anti-Human Trafficking Act was presented by the government on Feb. 22 and along with giving victims the right to sue their traffickers, borrows a number of other recommendations from Scott's bill, including allow restraining orders to be taken out against traffickers, more training for front-line workers and more public awareness, including through Human Trafficking Awareness Day, which would be proclaimed on Feb. 22.

Scott said it's important for victims to have as many tools as possible to help them succeed after escaping the world of trafficking.

"If they can succeed at all," she said. "They try to re-establish themselves. They usually have no credit. Their identity has been stolen from them."

Some provincial funding is already being allotted for the cause.

"They're starting to do some public awareness in our area," Scott said, adding that some \$18,000 had been awarded to Kawartha/Haliburton Victim Ser-



HKLB MPP Laurie Scott is happy the government is taking steps against human trafficking. She tabled her Saving the Girl Next Door Act private member's bill in Queen's Park a year ago.

vices. She said the long-term plan is for training not only to be done with front-line workers, but also with hotel/motel operators and in schools and other places, on recognizing the signs of a human trafficking situation.

Scott said she was recognized by the government for the work she'd done on the issue.

"They've given it a different title and that's fine," she said. "The title is always the Saving the Girl Next Door Act to me."

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Voter recognition

WHILE IT MAY seem like the 2018 municipal election is still a long way away, plans are already in motion for finalizing aspects such as voting methods to be used come next fall.

Earlier this year the municipality of Dysart (and others in the county) opted not to use a ranked ballot method in 2018, which makes the most sense for small municipalities such as the ones in Haliburton County.

However, now Dysart has a choice to make about whether or not to adopt electronic voting, that being using the Internet/telephone, or go with the tried and true method of vote by mail, which it has used for the past few elections.

Earlier this year Minden Hills council decided they would follow in the same footsteps as the 2014 election, where the township used both the vote by mail and electronic voting option, allowing constituents multiple options.

A lively discussion over the matter was held at last week's Dysart council meeting, with council clearly split down the middle.

Some councillors believed the vote by mail option made the most sense for the municipality, considering the local demographics, while others thought it was time to embrace the future and make it easier for other demographics, such as seasonal residents, to place their vote.

A cost comparison between the two methods showed an approximate \$10,000 savings between the two methods, with Internet/telephone coming in at about \$43,000, while vote by mail would cost around \$53,000.

However, what was clearly missing from the conversation was a discussion about having both methods available to voters.

While Dysart clerk Cheryl Coulson reported that having both options would cost an additional \$15,000 to \$25,000, this is not entirely known until the numbers are hammered out. For the township of Minden Hills it cost an additional \$13,000 to provide both options and Coulson did say there might be additional savings for the Internet/telephone option if multiple municipalities in the same county use the same provider.

However, it shouldn't strictly be about the money, and council came to that conclusion as well. The matter should come down to what's best for the voters, and therefore democracy, and not the bottom line.

And I couldn't agree more, which is why the most obvious option would be to have vote by mail and Internet/telephone available.

With a highly seasonal population, as well as one with a significant number of seniors, why not provide something that appeals to everyone? And with the younger population using the Internet

more and more, this could be a positive way to engage a demographic that often feels overlooked by politicians.

An informal poll conducted last week on Twitter showed that 60 per cent of respondents were in favour of a combined mail and Internet/telephone option, compared to a much lower percentage who voted in favour of only using Internet/telephone or only using vote by mail.

It is important to note that each voting method provides accessible options to voters who require it.

There's no doubt that the Internet is the way of the future and the municipality of Dysart is going to have to accept that sooner or later.

In the meantime, a hybrid system makes the most sense for all involved, politicians and voters alike.



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Editorial



Commuter sunset

by Darren Lum

Essential service

I HAD NO IDEA THAT my sister was suffering. She had been divorced for a couple of years and had started to go on dates again. The year was 2004 and she had met who we thought was a really nice man. We had met him several times. He came across as kind and full of life. He liked her two boys. He had an excellent high level job in the provincial government of British Columbia. He came to our house and we are good judges of people (we think) and we were happy for them.

She decided to quit her full-time job, sell her house and move herself, her boys and dog across the country to start a new life with this man in Vancouver. And all was great for the first few months. They did lots of exploring of British Columbia and they all settled in. Their world was all about them getting used to living together and creating their new life.

Then my sister got a really good full-time job and things started to change. Her partner basically didn't want her to have any friends or contacts other than him. He phoned her twice every hour at work. He got angry if she talked about any of her old friends from Ontario, or her new friends she was making. He didn't want her to have any other life than what she had with him.

I had no idea that she was afraid and that one evening in the early winter she took her boys to a women's shelter in downtown Vancouver. She didn't call me. It was at the exact same time that my 18-year-old nephew was stabbed to death in the driveway of his home and my husband and I were so focused on trying to support the grief-stricken par-

ents and ourselves. My sister didn't want to bother me, and also I think she was ashamed and very sad that it wasn't working. She was afraid.

My two nephews told me about the family situation and the shelter when they visited me the following summer. I was devastated, as you can imagine. Fast forward to 2017 and my sister has composed a beautiful life with another wonderful man and my two nephews are great.

It all worked out. My sister managed to get away from the controlling man and rebuild her life with her boys and then eventually meet another person.

To this day I am so grateful for the incredible support she got from her then brand new co-workers in downtown Vancouver, and from the women's shelter.

For those of us who are in strong relationships it can be hard

to understand these situations. Why would anyone treat someone like that? It is heart breaking. And that is why we need places like the YWCA HERS (Haliburton Emergency Rural SafeSpace) for women and children who need to flee abusive situations.

I would never in a million years have thought my sister and nephews would need a place to go to flee abuse. It can happen to anyone we know. Tomorrow is International Women's Day and there is a fundraiser for HERS at the Haliburton School of Art and Design. It is from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Although I can't attend because I am working, I will send a donation. Every dollar counts. Thank you to the organizers of this event, to the people who will perform and donate food and to the organizers of YWCA HERS. It is an essential service. It saves lives.

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Wilderness beards

JENN AND I ALWAYS HAVE DEEP, INTELLECTUAL discussions while walking down the aisles at the grocery store, and this one was no different.

It started with me asking one of those questions that has plagued mankind since the very beginning of cable television.

"If Mumbles ran out the door and got lost in the wilderness for a few months, do you think he would be sporting a big bushy beard when he finally returned to civilization?" I asked.

"Not again!" she said.

"Should I take that as a yes?" I replied.

"No," she answered. "Mumbles is a cat. Cats cannot grow beards."

She said it as if she were so certain.

"Maybe you didn't hear the first part of my question," I replied. "I said, 'if he got lost in the wilderness for a few months.' You know, like Robinson Crusoe or Grizzly Adams – or even David Letterman. Those guys grew awesome beards..."

"Mumbles is a cat," she repeated. "Cats cannot grow beards."

"I'm pretty sure that rule only applies to girl cats," I said.

"Not true!" she yelped.

"So you're trying to tell me girl cats can grow beards too?" I said skeptically. "Now you are just being plain silly."

To make a long story short, we never did come to an agreement on that or anything else related to cats and beards. Mostly because, Jenn, in her own obstinate way, simply refuses to consider the possibility that a cat stranded on a desert island or lost in the mountain wilderness could grow a truly great beard – or any beard at all for that matter.



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Loon Tales

Well, she can think what she wants, but I refuse to let go of that dream.

I mean, if you discount becoming best friends with a grizzly bear or spending time with an island inhabitant who allows you to name him after a weekday, growing a wilderness beard is probably the best perk of being lost for months on end.

Sure, there is the opportunity to hunt and fish without worrying about seasons, limits or licences. Yes, it also provides a great excuse to build a thatched hut or a primitive wilderness cabin without having to worry about local building ordinances, but neither of those things is nearly as satisfying as a good old-fashioned wilderness beard. I'm talking about one whose braids you can adorn with sticks, bones or sea shells.

A wilderness beard naturally occurs when you spend more than a month alone in the bush, probably due to a lack of mirrors, dependable razors and spousal input.

Of course, there's nothing stopping the average man from growing a wilderness beard while living at home. I would do it myself, if not for the fact that whenever I attempt to grow one complete strangers always ask me to sing "Heigh Ho."

Having said that, I'm pretty sure I wouldn't have that problem if I was lost alone in the wilderness.

But that is beside the point.

Mumbles would look particularly good with one of those big beards. You see, even though he's a ginger cat, he's old enough to have flecks of grey in his beard, so there'd be less chance that people would think he was just another hipster.

Yes, should Mumbles ever buck down from a multi-year stint in the mountains, adorned in buckskins and survival know-how, people would take note of that magnificent beard – and probably his grizzly bear friend too.

Of course, we'll probably never be able to prove my theory about wilderness beards and cats. Mumbles is actually too afraid to leave the house, let alone get lost in the wilderness for a few years.

Our other cat Maggie is a different story altogether though. Even though she's also a house cat, she sprints out the door every chance she gets. If any of our cats are going to get stranded on a desert island, it's definitely Maggie.

It's just too bad she's a girl cat.

I don't care what Jenn says, they can't grow beards.



pic of the past

This photo takes us back to the time when lumbering was our No. 1 industry in Haliburton County. The picture shows a log boom at the foot of Head Lake in Haliburton beside the railway tracks. The old black bridge can be seen in the background, which has now been replaced with a modern new structure and Walling's barn can be seen at the right-hand side. This photo was originally brought into the *Echo* years ago by Murray Robertson.

letters to the editor

Kudos to community's volunteer firefighters

To the Editor,

During the brief but violent storm on the evening of Friday, Feb. 24, lightning went through our house, directly in front of Mom, who had been watching television. It knocked out our telephone service, and an electrical plug in the kitchen. With the red light flashing, the plug beeping and the acrid smell of wires burning, I promptly called 911. Within five minutes, our emergency was being thoroughly investigated, as the storm continued to rage.

There were other serious situations in the

immediate area also being tended to. Our sincere thanks to the 911 operator, the *volunteer* fire department specifically Mike, Ed and Peter for their expertise, advice and calming presence during a frightening and unnerving evening. We are so grateful that these *volunteer* men and women are just a phone call away. Let's all continue to show support for these brave and caring people in our community.

With sincere and grateful thanks,
Cheryl and Anne Cohoon

More letters to the Editor on page 8

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Near tragedy demonstrates strength of community

To the Editor,

Thank you, Haliburton County, for your support over the past year since a serious accident made front page news: "Teacher, two students in car accident," was the headline.

On our way to the OFSSA Nordic skiing championships, our vehicle was struck by a gravel truck at an intersection near Collingwood. The two students and I were taken to Collingwood Hospital, where they were treated and released to their parents, and I was airlifted to St. Michael's Hospital. Surgery, induced coma, intensive care, more surgery, and two weeks later I started to be aware of where I was. On St Patrick's Day I was transferred to Toronto Rehabilitation Institute, where I stayed until early May and learned to walk

again. I then moved home, and began returning regularly to Toronto for intensive rehab treatment.

From the very beginning, community support has been extraordinary, for me and my family (and the two students, whose injuries were thankfully less severe). Visitors in hospital, cards, gifts including a handmade shawl and quilt, a huge card and stack of thoughtful presents from Blake's JDH class, a complimentary subscription to the *Echo* mailed to me in hospital... The hospital staff remarked on what a great community I came from. As an outpatient, I was grateful for a series of drivers who volunteered to get me to and from downtown Toronto and made the journeys pleasant. Volunteer gardeners tidied the garden in spring. Yoga teachers made house calls.

A year later, my recovery has far surpassed the most optimistic expectations. I'm back to part-time duties at the high school, with lots of support from staff and students, and I've even been Nordic skiing. I've had excellent medical care, both in Toronto and now locally, and I'm lucky that I was in such good health before the accident, and beyond that, I'm sure that the incredible support from friends and acquaintances in Haliburton has been essential to my recovery. I feel enveloped by love and good wishes.

Thank you, Haliburton, for your generous, supportive heart.

Jennifer Paton



Fundraising for the YWCA

Above, the Two-bit 3Some brought some country twang to the Haliburton United Church.

Above right, Mika Titze performed as part of a fundraiser for the YWCA Haliburton rural safe space. A representative from the YWCA, Paula Pepping, told the audience that the government funds only 61 per cent of the activities of the YWCA and the rest come from donations. Last year, the shelter was temporarily closed when the organization ran out of funds.

Photos by Jenn Watt



Georgia Shank thanked the crowd for coming out to support the YWCA in Haliburton during a fundraiser at the Haliburton United Church on Saturday, March 4. Shank organized the afternoon of music, which featured the Two-bit 3Some and Friends. Money goes to keep the rural shelter open along with the YWCA's many other programs for women and children.



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Learning from the pros

It's not every day you see a room full of drum kits, but that was the case at YMCA Camp Wanakita during the Halliburton County Folk Society's annual Winter Folk Camp March 4. Morgan Doctor, second from right, who plays in the Rita Chiarelli-led band Sweet Loretta conducted a drumming and percussion workshop.

Rita Chiarell taught a course on playing the blues during Winter Folk Camp at Camp Wanakita March 4. Hosted by the Haliburton County Folk Society, the annual event featured four days of workshops with professional musicians, performances and outdoors activities.

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Pasta challenge victory owed to community

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

For the second year in a row, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students and their community are standing alone as winners of The Great Pasta Challenge, in its 15th year.

Over a two week period from Feb. 13 to 27, HHSS collected 2,140 boxes for a per student average of 4.86, far surpassing second place Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute's collection of 1,637 boxes for a per student average of 2.67.

The win is rooted in how the community came together to support the school in its bid to win the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) challenge, said HHSS Grade 12 student and the TLDSB student trustee Carmen Galea, the lead at the school in this effort.

"It was a really nice thing for me to hear," she said, regarding the win. "Two years in a row we came together to work on this as a community rather than just as a school. I think that makes a really big difference and says a lot about a smaller community," she said.

The recipients of the generosity will be the food banks of Haliburton, Minden, Wilberforce and Cardiff. Galea appreciated how this challenge will benefit all four municipalities in the county.

As a representative for all of the board's schools (I.E. Weldon Secondary School, Fenelon Falls Secondary School, Huntsville High School, and Bracebridge and Muskoka Lakes Secondary School) that participated, Galea felt good about the schools' total collection of 6,899 boxes of pasta.

"It's really good thing to hear about Haliburton winning, but at the same time I wanted all the schools to do really well just because of my affiliation with all the schools," she said, referring to her trustee position. "I was really happy to hear that Haliburton pulled together as a community and we were able to pull it off again because there was friendly banter between the other schools."

Galea had a long list of people she credits with helping her, ranging from friends such as Cassidy Glecoff, Jayden Gwyn, and Liam Bergman, to school staff and faculty, which includes principal Dan Marsden, vice-principal Dave Waito and head secretary Jackie Mayhew.

Support for this challenge also came from the public and area grocers such as Brad Park of Haliburton Foodland and Steve Todd of Todd's Independent in Haliburton, Linda Easton of Valumart in Minden, Jamie Dollo of Dollo's Foodland in Minden and Craig MacDonald of Wilberforce Foodland.

Mayhew said Todd and Park were instrumental to the success of this effort. "None of this would be possible without them," she said.

HHSS has the makings of a dynasty



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's principal Dan Marsden said the community effort to support the school in its successful bid towards winning the Great Pasta Challenge was awesome. The Red Hawks collected 2,140 box for a per student average of 4.86, beating second place Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute's 1,637 boxes for a per student average of 2.67. This was a board wide effort for all seven high schools with pasta donations going to local food banks. A formal ceremony with the challenge trophy and the entire collection will be later this week. /DARREN LUM

going with its two consecutive wins, ousting the challenge's previous double-winner LCVI, which won this challenge back in 2014 and 2015.

It wasn't without work for students and faculty, as daily announcements were made, but also awareness was raised through social media posts, hallway posters by PALS students and lunch hour events such as an eating contest. There were also impromptu class challenges and sporting event buyouts (with food) led by teachers. A pair of photos in the *Echo* also contributed.

Although the HHSS totals were lower this year compared to last year's 3,612 donations of pasta, (or 7.92 boxes per student), the total collected by all seven schools was down. There were only 6,899 boxes collected by all the schools this year compared to 13,067 last year.

The lower numbers, Galea said, are attributed to less overall demand for pasta, as there was pasta left over for the area food banks in the county and for Muskoka food banks. She adds there have been discussions about collecting pasta sauce or other items.

An extra point was awarded for whole wheat pasta, which factored in

the victory for HHSS. The final results were adjusted by school population to account for population differences between schools.

The motivation behind this victory comes from helping the organizations that help others here, Galea said.

"This is just our way of giving back to organizations that do so much. Especially because there are definitely low income families [with students] that go to schools in TLDSB and do benefit from this," she said.

New digital library offered by school board

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board has launched a new project: a digital library.

Students and staff can choose from more than 1,000 books in a variety of formats, Laura Blaker, communications officer with the board, wrote in an email.

"This includes best-selling authors, new release titles, and classics. The new digital library, powered by OverDrive, includes eBooks and audio books. Students can improve reading comprehension, vocabulary, and pronunciation –

technology makes reading even cooler," she wrote.

Area library patrons may be familiar with OverDrive, which is the same service used at Haliburton County Public Library.

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Authors share insights with high school students

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

How many rough drafts do you write? How long does it take to get a book published? Are any of your characters based on real people?

These were just some of the questions students had for EK Johnston and Erin Bow, two renown young adult fiction writers and White Pine Award finalists on March 3 at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

The inaugural Trillium Lakelands District School Board's White Pine Day held at HHSS featured the two authors who shared their writing insights with students from IE Weldon high school, Fenelon Falls high school and HHSS.

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I grew up with stacks of books. I grew up always with my nose in a book.

— Erin Bow

Authors of books such as *Exit Pursued by a Bear*, *A Thousand Nights*, *The Scorpion Rules* and *The Swan Rider*, Johnston and Bow spoke to topics such as why they pursued a career in writing, some of the challenges they face and why it's important to read a lot.

"The most frequent question I get about *Exit Pursued by a Bear* and *A Thousand Nights* is how did you write these two books that are so different," said Johnston. "For me that question always surprises me, because I see them as very similar stories ... they're both stories about girls that are in terrible situations and decide to do something about it in a variety of ways."

Students lined up with a plethora of questions for the authors, including how they came up with the ideas for their books, which characters they related to the most and how they got into writing.

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Write a lot, don't listen to anyone and read a lot.

— EK Johnston



White Pine award finalists EK Johnston, left, and Erin Bow visited Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on March 3 for the inaugural White Pine Day. The young adult authors spent the day with students from three area high schools, doing activities and participating in a Q & A session. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

"I'm interested in words, I'm interested in stories ... I'm a reader," said Bow. "I grew up with stacks of books. I grew up always with my nose in a book. I taught myself to write, I think, just by imitating it."

Both the authors encouraged the students to follow their passions, no matter

what.

"Write a lot, don't listen to anyone and read a lot," said Johnston in her final piece of advice to the students.

The event was organized in conjunction with the TLDSB and Haliburton County Public Library.

Evening of song will support women's shelter

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

An evening of storytelling and song on March 8 will not only celebrate Interna-

tional Women's Day, but also raise money for HERS (Haliburton Emergency Rural SafeSpace).

The fundraiser, which will feature the music of Zoe Chilco, Cassidy Glecoff and Sage Christiano, as well as inspirational storytelling, will take place in the great hall at the Haliburton Fleming College campus.

The event is being organized by volunteer Bonnie Roe.

It came to light late last year that the Peterborough Haliburton YWCA has closed HERS – an emergency shelter located in Minden – for five months from late 2015 to spring of 2016 due to a lack of resources. Increased use of the shelter meant the organization had burned through its resources quicker than usual.

In early 2017, the YWCA starting canvassing local townships for one-time funding support, and is seeking a total of \$120,000 for a two-year project that would include the continued operation of the shelter, as well as a sustainability study on providing services in rural areas.

Haliburton County will be providing \$25,000 over two years.

"It's a lot of money," Roe says of the deficit. "I didn't realize that they had been closed."

Roe, a nurse by trade, has a personal connection to HERS.

Back in the 1990s, she was a volunteer at the women's emergency house in Haliburton Village, which was operated by SIRCH.

The emergency house was open from 1995 until 1998, when it closed due to lack of funding.

"I was part of a group that was being trained to provide 24/7 volunteer support for people," Roe says.

She and a group of eight or nine other women then set about organizing and fundraising for a new shelter, HERS,

which would open in Minden.

"It was starting all over again," Roe says. "What would the model look like? Where would it be?"

She continued to be involved with fundraising for the facility into the early 2000s.

Last year, the YWCA assisted some 125 women locally, providing more than 670 outreach counselling sessions and fielding more than 1,200 crisis calls. Isolation and lack of transportation can make Haliburton County a dangerous place for women with abusive partners, some women staying with abusers in exchange for food and sex.

When Roe decided she wanted to organize a fundraiser for HERS, she thought the upcoming International Women's Day would be a logical time.

"What a perfect fit," she says, "especially when you look at the momentum of the women's marches across the world."

In addition to the musical entertainment, there will be speeches.

"There's going to be a bit of a walk down memory lane about HERS," Roe says, adding there will also be some history on International Women's Day. "We have a couple of women who will share their stories about the support they received from HERS."

The event runs from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. with admission by donation.

County residents Susan and Keith Hay have pledged to match donations from individuals up to a maximum of \$10,000.

Sound for the event will be provided by Mark Christiano, with promotion sponsored by Parker Pad and Printing.

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"It's not to alienate men, it's to bring everyone together," Roe says. "On all of these issues, we have to work together."

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Highlands Museum invites public for a sweet lesson

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Learning about the maple syrup production the “old-fashioned” way is as close as the Haliburton Highlands Museum this coming March break.

The local museum will be boiling sap, which was collected from maple trees on the property, using its 115-year-old cauldron to make maple syrup from Saturday, March 11 to Sunday March 19, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and taking questions related to the process, its history and significance to area settlers.

Museum director Kate Butler, who has worked there for the past five years, welcomes the public to learn first-hand what it takes to boil sap into maple syrup.

The week-long offering of maple syrup production is a favourite of children and young at heart, as it brings people back every year.

“Seeing their interest in it stay strong year after year I think is great,” she said.

Granted, there are tricks learned during the process of doing it every year, but she believes the actual process is very approachable for people.

“For people to realize that and to be able to connect to our early settlers in that way and do something that people would have been doing here 150 years ago is really exciting for people. In particular, for people who may not have been exposed to that part of the tradition before,” Butler said. “Kids absolutely love it. I mean, really, it’s sugar in a cup.”

Beyond the obvious enjoyment shared by children and adults, there is an important lesson from the old-fashioned method of making maple syrup that comes up regarding nature’s ability to provide people with a food source.

“It’s this give and take between us and the natural world around us, which is so important for us to understand,” she said.

There will be crafts available for children all week at the museum, but also three afternoon drop-in programs for children from March 14 to 17.

Experience the simplicity and joy of participating in the Victorian Games Afternoon, which is on from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 14.

“Not every game has to have batteries. Not everything has to plug into the wall,” Butler said.

There will be outdoor activities, similar to those children would have done for fun before television.

Also, the museum plans to teach and host “parlour games” in the case of weather that forces everyone inside.

One example is a memory game called Kim’s Game. Its origins are from a Rudyard Kipling book.

A collection of objects are placed on a tray for a child to see them for a certain amount of time to study before the tray is covered. One variation calls for the removal of an item, leaving the child a challenge to name the item removed. Another calls for the participant to remember all the items without being able to see the items on the tray.

“It really builds concentration skills. It’s a fun challenge. It amazes me with kids who will actually remember the [finest of] details,” Butler said.

Like last year, South Algonquin Trails will bring its horses for children to ride down Museum Road to the Glebe Park entrance and back to the museum. There will also be outdoor activities, horse-themed crafts and a possibly a horse shoe game.

Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with the museum’s Life of a Leprechaun afternoon from 1 to 3 p.m. on Friday, March 17. Learn about the origins of St. Patrick’s Day, which revolves around a slave, who arguably was part Italian and part Welsh. He not only brought Christianity to Ireland in the 5th Century, but was also legendary for how he led snakes out of Ireland. Also, look for “gold” during the scavenger hunt on museum grounds. Dive into crafts based on the theme of the emerald Isle’s famous holiday.

“It’s just to get people in the spirit of St. Patrick’s Day. It’s the day when everyone wants to be Irish so we figured we could help them along with that,” Butler said.

Everything offered here, she said, is tied to the history of the county, as outlined by the museum’s mandate to educate about the area and its people. Equally important to the museum is to make the experience of visiting a fun and memorable visit.

“Fun is paramount because coming to a museum, if you have a good time, whatever age you are, you’re going to remember this is a fun place you’re going to

want to come back again,” she said.

Registration for the museum’s offerings are not required and admission is by donation. Participants are recommended to dress for the weather. Activities can be augmented or moved indoors for extreme weather, but if at all possible children can expect to be outside and playing games. Craft activities will be available for children all week, even outside of the three scheduled events in addition to the maple syrup demonstration and the display cases of artefacts of the museum.

Telephone 705-457-2760 or email info@haliburton-highlandsmuseum.com.

The museum is located at 66 Museum Road off of Highway 118 in Haliburton.

The Haliburton Highlands Museum is demonstrating how settlers in the area produced maple syrup during March break, starting Saturday, March 11. Demonstrations will be from March 11 to March 19 and be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The museum, which is located at 66 Museum Road in Haliburton, is also offering children’s programming such as Victorian games on Tuesday, March 14 from 1 to 3 p.m., horse riding on Wednesday, March 15 from 1 to 3 p.m. and St. Patrick’s Day themed games, crafts and storytelling on Friday, March 17 from 1 to 3 p.m. Admission is by donation. Phone (705) 457-2760 or email info@haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com. File photo



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OPP give an assist to Push for Change

The OPP played the J.Douglas Hodgson Elementary School select hockey team in its annual outreach hockey game on Friday, March 3 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. Although this event is to build positive relations with the community, this year the detachment was supporting the Push for Change initiative to raise awareness about mental health and remind students they are not alone with mental struggles. Pucks, which were labelled with the Push for Change logo were produced courtesy of County Sign and Display, were donated by Lindsay Rubber Products of St. Catharines were given to the players along with a stick autographed by the OPP and the players for display at the school. A game between the OPP and student select team of players from Wilberforce Elementary School, Archie Stouffer Elementary School and JDHES will be played this Thursday, March 9 at the A.J. LaRue Arena./DARREN LUM Staff

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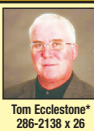
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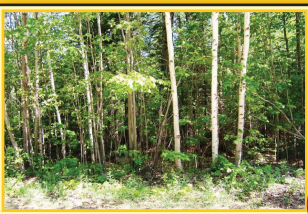
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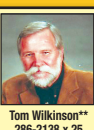
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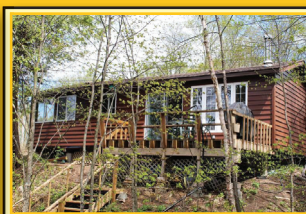
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Haliburton cadets take aim at new sport

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The cadets of 1129 Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps -Haliburton are still excited about their unique relay biathlon experience from Jan. 21 to 22 at the Eastern Ontario Biathlon Competition held at Camp Fortune, Gatineau, Que.

For the first time, the cadets of Haliburton took to the trails, skiing up to 10 kilometres, and then over the course took two opportunities at a range to aim their .22 rifles to shoot five targets 50 metres away (on two separate occasions) in the sport of biathlon – an event that combines the cardiovascular test of Nordic skiing with the intense focus of marksmanship. For this event, the rifles were not carried and were only at the range.

Sixteen-year-old Tricia Powell, who has been with the cadets since she joined at 12, enjoys and excels in marksmanship. An “occasional” Nordic skier, she welcomed the challenge of combining shooting with skiing to compete in the open mixed (12-18) with an assigned relay partner in Quebec.

“I’m not a bad skier and I thought it would be fun to watch my cadets ski and hopefully pick it up for myself,” she said.

Powell has been shooting since she started with the cadets and shot perfectly through two rounds for a mark of 10 for 10. Had she missed, she would have had to ski a penalty lap.

She savoured the opportunity to compete against other cadets, who might have been better shooters or just physically stronger than her in the event. Despite the long odds of a result-based success, she was very proud of her resilience to overcome the urge to quit during the race.

In hindsight, being able to push through and finish provided her great satisfaction. She’s even looking forward to competing next year.

“I would do it again. It was actually quite enjoyable,” she said.

The cadets commanding officer Dan Collings, an OPP sergeant and marksmanship trainer, said offering biathlon is about giving opportunities for youth between 12



Haliburton cadets Corin Gervais, left, Aiden Hill, Jakob Bull, Patricia Powell and Kennedy McCracken are the first biathlon team from Haliburton to compete at the Eastern Ontario Biathlon Competition held at Camp Fortune, Gatineau, Que. Coached by Stu Humphries the team’s members enjoyed their experience and even had Hill and Gervais finish fourth as a relay team. Submitted by Stu Humphries

and 18 to develop physically and mentally. He adds the cadets is all about testing personal limits, offering outdoor activities, encouraging fitness and a healthy life. Team building is also part of the experience of the cadets.

Even the fitness program offered with cadets isn’t just about physical training. It includes team building, leadership, promotes friendly competition and fun.

Cadet Powell appreciates the experiences the cadets can give her and believes it has provided her opportunities such as learning about the natural world and how to survive in the outdoors. For the outdoors lover, the cadet corps is perfect for that kind of person, she said. They meet every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Haliburton Legion

during the school year.

The other cadets that competed were Kennedy McCracken, 13, and Jakob Bull, 14, who competed in the junior male team competition.

“We’ve got renewed interest. It’s a really positive stimulus for our cadets that want to participate in biathlon. It’s something more for them to do,” Collings said. “We felt we didn’t have enough interesting active stuff for them to do.”

Although he appreciates the marksmanship program like his cadets, he believes biathlon adds another dimension. Collings said biathlon is a unique sport that

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Haliburton cadet Aiden Hill, who partnered with friend and fellow cadet Corin Gervais, both 12, finished fifth in the junior males (12-15) category at the Eastern Ontario Biathlon Competition held at Camp Fortune, Gatineau, Quebec. Hill is coached by Stu Humphries and travelled with Kennedy McCracken and Jakob Bull and Tricia Powell to compete in biathlon – Nordic skiing and range shooting – for the first time. Submitted by Stu Humphries

Strong placing for junior boys

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tests not only the physical attributes, but rewards individuals for their focus and attitude. The sentiment of just doing your best is high on mind for Collings. He said biathlon is part of an offering to interest more children and youth to join.

Choosing OPP constable Stu Humphries as the coach for Haliburton made sense because of his long-time involvement in Nordic skiing with his own family for recreation.

Since last year the Highlands cadet corps (due to its size) joined the 2672 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps of Peterborough. This enabled the cadets here to receive help in the form of coaching and time at the Peterborough Revolver and Pistol Club through the much larger cadet corps, as it had been involved with biathlon for a few years. Humphries initiated communication with the Peterborough biathlete coach for help and also co-ordinated to have his cadets go down to Peterborough to receive hands-on training over the course of a few weekends with the .22 calibre rifles.

The cadets didn't have to pay for the preparation or the experience of competition thanks to the support from organizations: the Peterborough Army Cadets, the Haliburton Highlands Nordic Ski Association, the Royal Canadian Legions of Minden, Haliburton and Cardiff. Haliburton residents Kit and Len Pizzey donated skis. Additional support has since come from Cintas of Lindsay, who has five donated shooting pads.

Collings said biathlon helps to keep cadets interested in staying with the corps and draws new members like the top placing team, the junior male (12-15) team of Aiden Hill and Corin Gervais, who only joined a week before regional competition.

Although they placed a very good fourth place in a field of at least 26 other teams, they will not advance to the provincials.

Gervais said he didn't shoot as well as he would have liked, but their strong Nordic skiing was the difference. Twelve-year-old Gervais has been Nordic skiing for close to seven years, but had never shot a gun before this year and found it exciting. Although his shooting score wasn't as good as he'd like it to be, he appreciated the novelty.

There was a challenge to shooting while skiing in the competition.

"You had to stop and slow down," he said.

He adds it's a practice he knows he can use in other areas of his life such as concentrating.

The strong placing came as a pleasant and satisfying surprise.

"It was impressive to us because we've never done anything [like this before]. He [had] shot [only] once in his life. Aiden and I have known each other for a long time and he started skiing when had and that was really fun," he said.

Hill agreed with this friend about the experience.

"I was surprised that I won fourth out of what I believe was 50 other cadets. Not only did I place well for a first timer, but I also had a great time in Quebec. It was a unique opportunity to visit another province and I hope to go back in the near future. Overall a great and fun experience," Hill said.

Word of mouth was integral for them to join the cadets only a week before the competition. The two had been intrigued by a visit from a cadet representative, but the biathlon "pushed it over the edge" for them, Gervais said.

He has thoroughly enjoyed his experience with the cadets so far and was excited for more opportunities such as winter camping this past weekend. Gervais encourages other youth to join the cadets.

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Submitted by Judi Paul

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Peewee girls head to provincials

The Leveque Brothers/Rock Breakers peewee girls secured their spot in the provincials with their 6-0 win Saturday over the Ennismore Eagles. Elyse Ives fired one by the Eagles' goalie just a minute into the first period setting the tone for the remainder of the game. Assists going to Hailey Hudder and Peyton Armstrong. Not long after the first goal, Armstrong followed it up with one of her own assisted by Ryan Rupnow. Before the first period ended Olivia Villamere increased the Jets lead by three with the assists going to Trista Young and Ava Smith. The last two periods saw some more action at the net with three more goals added to the total. Goals scored by Rupnow (2) and Megan Jenkins, assists to Smith (2), Armstrong and Villamere.

With the security of top place in our pool the Jets headed to Frankford to take on the aggressive Cold Creek Comets. It had been a few months since these two teams met and the girls were not going into the game lightly. In what proved to be a very fast paced, body contact style game the Jets finally broke the 0-0 tie midway through the third with a beautiful unassisted goal by Emma Tidey. The Jets managed to hold onto the one-goal lead and win 1-0 to give them the undefeated playdown season.

The girls will face the Lindsay Lynx Tuesday and Thursday for a best two out of three series for playoffs and a spot in the Lower Lakes Championship Weekend.

Submitted by Melissa Armstrong

Midget girls advance to playoff finals

The Bancroft I.D.A./Red Eagle Family Campground midget B girls advanced to their LLFHL Eastern loop playoff finals on Saturday night with 1-0 win over the Keene Wolverines. The second round win was a gritty game two tilt with both teams battling the Jets trying to win to take the four-point series in two games – and Keene trying to win to force another do-or-die game three. After a scoreless first period, Kenndal Marsden finished off a nice feed from Tori Shpikula with a quick snap shot from the slot that eluded the Wolverine tender midway through the second period. The goal proved to be the difference in the game as Katie Hoover stopped all Keene attempts to try and tie the game. The 1-0 hard-working shut-out win advanced the Jets into the third round eastern loop playoff finals where they will take on the Cold Creek Comets who eliminated the Lindsay Lynx. Keep up the focused efforts, Jets, as you work towards your goal of the LLFHL championship weekend the end of March, in combination with your advancement into the all-Ontario provincial championship the first weekend in April stay focused and keep working hard, girls!

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Storm loses to Muskies

On Saturday, March 4, the Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood

Ford Highland Storm atom travelled to Lindsay to face the Lindsay Muskies in an exhibition game. The Storm played hard but lost 6-1. Goal was scored by Aiden Perrott. The Atom team's next game is March 11 in OPS at noon against the Kawartha Coyotes.

Submitted by Amber Card

Bantam girls celebrate six points in three play-down games

On Thursday evening, the Jets played on home ice against the Peterborough Ice Kats and won the game 8-0.

Starting off the scoring blitz for the Jets was Olivia Martin and Carling Pepin, both goals unassisted. Also adding singles were Marissa Cannon, Kendra Bandy, Hannah McMann, and Emma Neuman. Assists went to Paige Billings, Beth Brownlee, Mackala O'Connor and Haley Goulet. O'Connor scored two more goals before the final buzzer with both assists going to Bandy. Courtney Semach earned the shut out minding the net for the Jets.

Saturday saw the team travel to Keene to challenge the first place Otonabee Wolverines. The game was fast paced with a great display of hockey skills from both teams. Early into the first period, and the first goal of the game was scored by Paige Billings with a sharp shooter shot from the blue line, assisted by Beth Brownlee. Halfway through the first, Haley Goulet added to the scoreboard and found an opening in the five hole, assisted again by Brownlee. Hannah McMann had the final goal of the game when she snapped one off of the bar and in, assisted by Emma Neuman. Shutting down the Wolverines with an excellent array of goaltending skills

was Courtney Semach who minded the net for the Jets, securing a shut-out. Final score Jets 3, Wolverines 0. Sunday afternoon saw the team host the Wolverines for another nail-biting match on home ice. Both teams skated hard exchanging chances at both ends of the rink throughout the first and second periods. With the game being even going into the third, and with the fans on the edge of their seats, Mackala O'Connor pumped the first goal of the game past the Wolverines' goalie, assisted by Beth Brownlee. Both teams once again then battled back and forth and with a minute and a half on the clock, the opponents pulled their goalie in an effort to tie the game. With 24 seconds remaining, Olivia Martin got hold of the puck, skated and scored with an empty netter giving the Jets a 2-0 win over Otonabee. Courtney Semach once again made some amazing saves and shut down the opposing team earning another shutout. In an effort to secure a spot at provincials, the Jets will travel to Ennismore to face the Eagles, Tuesday at 6 p.m. and on Wednesday, to Apsley to play the Cold Creek Comets in a late night 9 p.m. game. Good luck, Jets!

Submitted by Linda Goulet

Tykes take on the Rocks

Saturday, March 4 was a back-and-forth match against the Muskoka Rocks tyke team. The Highland Storm team kept putting pressure on their offensive lines to keep the puck out of our end. Starting the goals off was Henry Neilson, assisted by Deagan Davison in the first period. The Rocks came back with two goals ending the first period up. Vanek Logan started the second period off with an amazing goal, assisted by Leighton Nesbitt. Scoring soon after was Davison, assisted by Jaxen

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NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

DATE: Monday April 3rd, 2017
TIME: 5:00 pm
LOCATION: Council Chambers in the Municipal Office
135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario

APPLICATIONS:

1. Lands of Stevens:
 - **Purpose and Effect:** The proposed by-law will change the zone on these lands to permit a place of worship. The proponent (Lighthouse Pentecostal Church) plans to convert the former "gym" building to the church. The existing dwelling will become the manse. Site specific zone provisions are added to recognize the lot frontage and to permit three accessory buildings.
 - Zone change from "RR" to "R1-xx".
 - Location: Part Lot 17, Concession 9, in the geographic Township of Dysart (94 Harmony Road, Township of Dysart).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION about these applications, including a copy of the draft by-law, is available by contacting the Planning Department during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) at the contact information listed below.

PRESERVING YOUR RIGHT OF APPEAL: For information about preserving your appeal rights, please contact the Planning Department during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) at the contact information listed below.

Dated at the Township of Dysart, this 7th day of March, 2017.

Patricia Martin, B.E.S. MCIP, RPP
Director of Planning and Development
Municipality of Dysart et al
135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0
Phone: 705-457-1740
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Would you like to contribute to shaping healthcare delivery in our community and region?

Peterborough Regional Health Centre is seeking individuals to become Members of the Board or Community Members at Large on the Board's Standing Committees who are residents of one of the four counties of Peterborough, Northumberland, Haliburton and Kawartha Lakes and can bring volunteer board experience, business/professional skills and diversity to our governance processes.

Community Members at Large:

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- augment the skillset available to support the work of the Board's Standing Committees
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All applications are welcome, in particular from persons with a background in legal, accounting, governance, information technology or healthcare.

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- supports the implementation of the hospitals Strategic Plan and ensures that all decisions are made in accordance of the Strategic Plan
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- provides oversight to quality of care
- fosters regional relationships needed for seamless care

How to apply:

Before applying, please visit our website at www.prhc.on.ca and **click on About PRHC/Board of Directors** for more detail. Submit an application along with a resume by **March 24, 2017** to the Chair, Nominating Sub-Committee, c/o Margaret Clark, Senior Executive Assistant, Administration, Peterborough Regional Health Centre, One Hospital Drive, Peterborough ON K9J 7C6, or email mclark@prhc.on.ca.

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Record showing at OFSAA for Red Hawks

HHSS was proudly represented by eight members of the Red Hawks wrestling team at the OFSAA Wrestling Championships held on March 1 to 3. Just under 800 wrestlers from all over Ontario participated in the tournament, which was held at the Powerade Centre in Brampton.

Red Hawks wrestlers who competed at OFSAA this year include Hannah Riopelle, Karissa Riopelle, Noelle Dupret-Smith, Emily Klose, Chloe Samson, Matt Manning, Dylan Freake and Aidan Coles.

As expected, the competition was incredibly fierce as regional champions from around the province battled for a spot on the podium. On the first day, the Red Hawks finished 26 matches in total with a team record of 13 wins and 13 losses.

Coaches Dan Fockler and Paul Klose are encouraged by this result, since all but one of the HHSS wrestlers will be returning next year.

"This year we had a very young team representing our school in a senior tournament. Our athletes should be very proud of their accomplishments at OFSAA. As a team, they won 50 per cent of their matches on day

one of competition. They were competitive and the experience here this year will bring huge benefits for next year."

Three Red Hawks wrestled well enough to advance to the second day of competition. Grade 10 student Chloe Samson finished among the top 12 with a record of three wins and two losses. Rookie wrestler Hannah Riopelle continued to improve throughout the tournament and finished with five wins and two losses. Hannah represented HHSS on the podium with a fifth place finish.

In men's competition, Coles surprised many senior wrestlers with his grit and solid technique in a challenging 89 kilogram weight class. Coles finished with four wins and two losses to rank in the top eight in Ontario.

To cap it off, Coles' quality character was noted by the OFSAA officials. Each year, the Ontario Amateur Wrestling Officials Association (OAWOA) gives out a sportsmanship award. Daryll Owen, a referee from Toronto, nominated Coles for the award stating that he is a "mature and classy wrestler" with a positive attitude toward the sport and his opponents. Coles was this year's recipient of the Officials Award for Sportsmanship. Congratulations, Coles, on earning this recognition!

Congratulations to all wrestlers on the entire team. "It takes a team to make a champion."

Submitted



Red Hawks wrestler Aidan Coles was awarded the OAWOA Award for Sportsmanship at this year's OFSAA Wrestling Championship at the Powerade Centre in Brampton. Close to 800 of the best wrestlers in Ontario competed from March 1 to 3. The Red Hawks sent a school record eight wrestlers to the competition. Submitted by Paul Klose

Tykes play home tourney March 11, 12

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Casey. Kemauhl Casey-Russell ended off the period adding another point, assisted by Davison. The tykes went into the third period tied to the Rocks 4-4. Evan Perrot, assisted by Nesbitt, scored right away in the third period. Ending the game with two minutes left Davison scored on a breakaway. Taylor Mulock played net for the first time and played tremendously. The tykes were unable to come out with a win and ended with a score of 8-6. Right back at in on Sunday, March 5, the tykes played the Huntsville Otters. The defence played their best game yet, always putting pressure of the Otters' offence causing them to make mistakes. Zach Prentice, Evan Perrott, Ethan DeCarlo and Matthew Scheffee shined throughout the whole game. Vanek Logan, assisted by Kemauhl Casey-Russell put the Storm on the scoreboard in the first period. Going into the third only one point behind, the team played hard. Skating and putting pressure on the Otters, Logan, assisted by Prentice scored in the middle of the third period. Taylor Mulock played another amazing game in net and sure showed her dedication to the tykes. Way to go, Storm. Make sure to come out to their home Bernie Nicholls tournament on March 11 and 12 at the Nesbitt Arena at 8 a.m., 1 p.m., and 6 p.m. to cheer the tykes on. Go Storm go!

Submitted by Tamara Bain

Notice

INSPECTION

Inspection of Approved 2017-2018 Annual Work Schedule Algonquin Park Forest

The **Algonquin Park Office** of the Ontario **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)** has reviewed and approved the Algonquin Forestry Authority (AFA) April 1, 2017 – March 31, 2018 Annual Work Schedule (AWS) for the **Algonquin Park Forest**.

Availability

The AWS will be available for public inspection at the AFA offices in Huntsville and Pembroke and the MNRF public website at ontario.ca/forestplans beginning **March 15, 2017** and throughout the one-year duration. Ontario Government Information Centres at 400 Pembroke Street East in Pembroke, 447 McKeown Avenue in North Bay and 207 Main Street West in Huntsville provide access to the Internet.

Scheduled Forest Management Operations

The AWS describes forest management activities such as road construction, maintenance and decommissioning, forestry aggregate pits, harvest, site preparation, tree planting and tending that are scheduled to occur during the year. Beyond Park access points, all forest access roads are closed to the general public.

Tree Planting and Fuelwood

The AFA is responsible for tree planting on the Algonquin Park Forest. Please contact the Area Forester, AFA Pembroke Office (see address below) for information regarding tree planting job opportunities or for obtaining fuelwood.

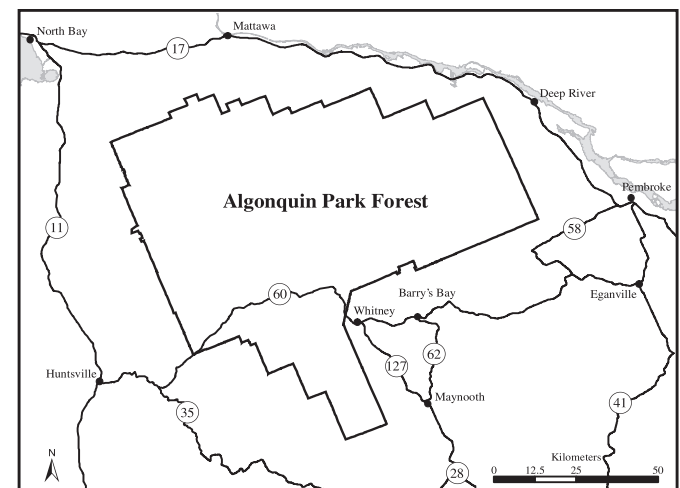
More Information

For more information on the AWS or to arrange an appointment with MNRF staff to discuss the AWS or to request an AWS operations summary map, please contact:

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Algonquin Forestry Authority
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County of Haliburton Notices

Adoption of the 2017 Budget

The Council of the County of Haliburton provides **PUBLIC NOTICE** that they will consider approving the 2017 County of Haliburton Budget at the regularly scheduled Council meeting on **March 22, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.** in the County Administration Building located at 11 Newcastle Street in Minden.

And further take notice that Haliburton County Council will also be considering approval of the 2017 tax rates, tax ratios and tax capping at this meeting.

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Cook It Up returns to Baked and Battered with free lunches

SIRCH’s unique experiment in gratitude, called Cook It Up, is launching again for Season 3. Every Monday for nine weeks starting March 6, they invite the public to join them for a free lunch, courtesy of SIRCH Community Services. The delicious three-course lunch will be served at Baked

and Battered in Haliburton, between noon and 2 p.m. The Cook It Up Training Team, including a diverse group of nine food service trainees, plan, shop for, prepare and serve a fabulous meal each week. The lunch is a genuine gift, celebrating our very gener-

ous community. It is also an opportunity for you to help the trainees practise their skills and gain valuable experience in food services. Last year, all graduates of Cook It Up received job offers at the end of the program.

This year, to help celebrate Canada’s 150th anniversary, lunches will be themed on one of the provinces or territories. The trainees will cook 60 healthy, delicious three-course meals each week – it’s first-come first-served, with no take-out. Everyone who has previously experienced a Cook It Up lunch raves about the food and the atmosphere. Donations for lunch are not expected but are gratefully accepted.

The 2017 Cook It Up program is co-ordinated and taught by Diane McKnight, SIRCH’s food initiatives co-ordinator. Brenda Coty, experienced food industry worker, is the customer service trainer for the second year. SIRCH will be profiling

Season 3 trainees, and their menus, on their Facebook page. Menus will be posted on Friday for the following Monday’s lunch.

SIRCH is a registered charity whose vision is “to have thriving communities where each person feels connected, supported and encouraged.” Part of the goal of Cook It Up is to help people move from self-isolation to connectedness and transform any fear of scarcity to a sense of unity and giving. SIRCH thanks Colby Marcellus and Craig Gordon, owners of Baked and Battered, for sharing their restaurant on Mondays for the Cook It Up program, for the third year in a row. They also thank City of Kawartha Lakes for funding this program.

Don’t miss out on this opportunity – it comes but once a year.

- Submitted

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. “ER” actress Leslie
- 5. Hebrew name for Babylon
- 10. Newts
- 14. Leaf angle
- 15. Dravidian language
- 16. Ridge on nematodes
- 17. Monetary unit
- 18. Determined the tare
- 19. Unfreeze
- 20. Merits
- 22. World’s oldest broadcasting organization
- 23. Vacation spot
- 24. December 25
- 27. Ottoman military command
- 30. Resin-like substance secreted by insects
- 31. A.C. Comics female supervillain
- 32. Insect linked to honey
- 35. Opinion
- 37. In the middle of
- 38. Basketballer Yao
- 39. Remove lid
- 40. Pressure wound therapy
- 41. Fabric
- 42. Witnessed
- 43. Defunct European economic organization
- 44. “Hotel California” rockers
- 45. When you expect to arrive
- 46. “Sleepless in Seattle” actress Ryan
- 47. Danish airline
- 48. Insecticide
- 49. Scientific instrument
- 52. Type of seal
- 55. Israeli city __ Aviv
- 56. Cavalry sword
- 60. Ottoman title
- 61. Gurus
- 63. Cold wind
- 64. Predatory reptile (abbr.)
- 65. New Jersey is one
- 66. Divulge a secret
- 67. Finely chopped mixture
- 68. Actress Zellweger
- 69. Romanian city

CLUES DOWN

- 1. “Dark Knight” actor
- 2. S. African plants
- 3. Castle in County Offaly, Ireland
- 4. White (French)
- 5. Morsel
- 6. Semitic language
- 7. Areas outside cities
- 8. Crackling
- 9. Cub
- 10. Landmark house in Los Angeles
- 11. Red Hot Chili Peppers bassist
- 12. Mineral
- 13. Late night host Myers
- 21. Pull along
- 23. Not good
- 25. British Air Aces
- 26. Upset
- 27. Maltreatment
- 28. Nocturnal, cat-like animal
- 29. Hollyhocks
- 32. Shelter
- 33. Finished
- 34. Discharge
- 36. “X-Men” actor McKellen
- 37. Beloved dish __ and cheese
- 38. Holds coffee
- 40. Languish
- 41. Quenches
- 43. Electric fish
- 44. Consume
- 46. Type of school
- 47. Erase
- 49. Educate
- 50. “Transformers” actress Fox
- 51. Spiritual leader
- 52. Every one
- 53. Site of the Taj Mahal
- 54. Welsh village
- 57. Weapon
- 58. Geological times
- 59. S. Asian crops
- 61. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 62. Witness

Answers on page 22.

THOSE OTHER movies

MOVIE NIGHTS

THOSE OTHER movies

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March 11th - 19th from 10am-5pm

Special Kids’ Programs:

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Victorian Games Afternoon

Tuesday, March 14th 1-3pm

The kind of games kids in Haliburton would have over 100 years ago – no batteries required!

Meet and Greet with the Horses of South Algonquin Trails, Wednesday, March 15th 1-3pm

The horses of South Algonquin Trails are coming west to Glebe Park on a March Break holiday! This is a great opportunity for kids and adults alike to learn more about these sweet and majestic creatures!

Life of a Leprechaun Friday, March 17th, 1-3pm

Scavenger hunts, games, crafts and legends from the Emerald Isle!

Maple Fest returns

March 11th - 19th 10am-5pm

with old-fashioned maple syrup making, tasty treats, kids’ crafts and fun contests all week long!



Haliburton Highlands MUSEUM

For more information, call 705-457-2760 or e-mail info@haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com

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From Vol. 1, Report of the Special Senate Committee on Mass Media, 1970.

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The Haliburton Huskies have taken a 2-1 lead in their best of seven semi-final series with Lakefield. The Huskies split the two weekend games played, winning Friday in Haliburton and losing Saturday in Lakefield. The Huskies will take on Lakefield again tonight with game time slated for 8:30 p.m. For more details see County Echo Sports on page six.

School Board workers

45 cent pay increase

An increase of 45 cents an hour for the C.U.P.E. workers with the Haliburton County Board of Education has been agreed upon and was announced at the Feb. 22 meeting of the Board. Increases to Board administration salaried employees were also announced.

Richard Poole, chairman of the Board, noted that the increase to C.U.P.E. members brings the workers close to the municipal and county workers in terms of wage parity.

The increase is still subject to Anti Inflation Board approval.

Len Salvatori, trustee for Dysart et al and head of the Haliburton Board's Salary Negotiating Committee, noted that the C.U.P.E. bargainers had asked for an increase of 75 cents an hour, or 18 - 20 per cent, plus some increases in fringe benefits.

The increases in fringe benefits were negotiated, but were not granted, Mr. Salvatori said. He explained that while the Board's C.U.P.E. workers do not have parity with the municipalities, Board members on the Salary Negotiating Committee felt that good working conditions and job security made up for the lack of parity.

C.U.P.E. representatives accepted the settlement of 45 cents per hour, or about 9 per cent, effective Jan. 1, 1977. The A.I.B. guidelines laid down a 9.2 per cent increase. The basic rate will be \$4.65 per hour, and slightly higher for head caretakers, if the settlement receives A.I.B. approval.

Increases to the salaried personnel who work on Board administration, were also set out at the Feb. 22 Board meeting.

Effective in July of this year, director of education will receive a 7.6 per cent increase, and will earn a salary of \$44,200. The director's salary has not been increased since 1975, when a figure of \$41,000 was set.

The business administrator will receive an increase of approximately 7.6 per cent, and effective Sept. 1 of this year, will be paid a salary of \$28,500. The salary of the business administrator, the year beginning Sept. 1976, was \$26,540.

The supervisor of maintenance, attendance and transportation will receive a similar increase to \$16,200 per year from \$15,000 for the year beginning Sept. 1976.

Mr. Salvatori explained that

according to A.I.B. guidelines the salaries of the executive office staff could be totalled, the eight per cent of that total calculated, and that amount of money divided among the three in whatever proportion trustees decided. The final decision, however, was to divide that amount of increase into thirds.

Office workers for the Board will receive 8.2 per cent increases. Salaries of \$10,840 and \$10,211 were set for 1977.

All salary and hourly increases set by the Board at the last meeting are subject to A.I.B. adjustment. Mr. Salvatori noted that the A.I.B. has adjusted both up and down in the past.

School bus for students in subdivision

Students living in the new subdivision east of the Minden Community Centre will now be bussed to school, after having to walk 1.2 miles along North Water Street to get to Archie Stouffer School.

The Deacon's small bus which has a fairly short run, has been asked to report to the school a few minutes early so that students at the far end of North Water Street may be picked up as well.

The increase in cost to the Board will be about \$1 a day. The Deacon's bus can be hired for 30 cents a mile, Mr. Hodgson explained, and seemed to be the obvious choice for picking up the students.

This arrangement is to last only until there are no more Kindergarten, grade one or two students attending school from the subdivision.

15.3 per cent increase in school taxes in Minden

Anson, Hindon and Minden will bear a 15.3 per cent increase in school taxes this year, with a 4.8 per cent increase being charged to Dysart and an 11.2 per cent increase going to Stanhope.

These figures are the result of the final budgeting of the Haliburton County Board of Education, determined in two special budget meetings, Jan. 25 and Feb. 1. The final apportionment was announced at a meeting of the Board Feb. 22.

The average increase in taxation this year, for the 10 municipalities in Haliburton County, is 8.9 per cent.

The total school budget for 1977 is \$4,290,024.00, an increase of 10.86 per cent over last year's budget of \$3,869,747.00.

Provincial grants were also increased somewhat, keeping the levy charged to the municipalities to an 8.9 per cent increase.

Under the requisition laid out at the last Board meeting, Anson, Hindon and Minden will pay \$57,224. more in school taxes. Dysart et al will pay \$29,390. more and Stanhope will foot an increase of \$26,417.

These figures have been calculated according to the Ontario regulations for legislative grants, and reflect the increase over the 1976 apportionment as it was adjusted by the Ontario Municipal Board.

The 1975 requisition was contested by Anson, Hindon and Minden and Stanhope who appealed the amount of their apportionment under the regulations, asking that the apportionment be calculated on a different, and they felt, more reasonable assessment base. The O.M.B. supported the appeal, and ordered Haliburton's 10 municipalities to pay varying proportions of over and under levies to adjust the apportionment.

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Instructions



Christopher Greenfield gets some last minute instructions from his father Norm (top) before getting on the ice. In the bottom photo Christopher gets to try out some of the instructions with the careful guidance of his father.

\$2 per taxpayer

Recreation Director

At a cost of little over \$2 per year for each taxpayer in the municipality of Dysart, Haliburton could have a recreation director, and Haliburton needs one, says Don Popple, speaker at the Haliburton Rotary dinner last Thursday.

Mr. Popple, at present the office manager for Curry Motors Ltd., in Haliburton, has had several years of experience as a recreation director in Newmarket and has taught a recreation program at Sir Sanford Fleming College in Peterborough.

He spoke at Haliburton Rotary at the request of Scott LaRue about the need and possibilities for a recreation director who would service the Village of Haliburton. He suggested that one director could be jointly supported by Haliburton, Guilford, Harcourt and Wilberforce.

"People are demanding well rounded recreational programs these days," Mr. Popple said, "and in most places, are getting it. We do need a recreation director here," he feels, "not only for the sake of our

children." He mentioned the number of retired and elderly people who are in need of some direction, and said also "we have left our teenagers unchallenged."

"The purpose of a Recreation Director is four-fold," Mr. Popple explained. He would initiate new ideas and determine needs for community activities, where possible beginning programs to service those who have nothing arranged at present.

A prime function of the recreation director is to stimulate others he said. He must work with the clubs and organizations that are already in existence in a town and help them in new areas. Mr. Popple stressed that the purpose of the recreation director is not to take over activities or jobs that clubs are already managing. He is there to help, but not to do what others devote their time to.

The recreation director would be in a position to co-ordinate many of the activities in the community, Mr. Popple continued. He could act as a kind of clearing house for information. Mr. Popple gave as an example

the recent weekend that a major hockey tournament and a bonspiel were scheduled for the same two days.

The administrative duties of a recreation director would probably be the most far-reaching and would be very beneficial. Mr. Popple noted that no business man would build facilities and then not make sure that they were being used to their full capacity. He feels that there is no reason for the municipality not to make sure that through co-ordination and programming, all the community facilities are being used to the utmost.

"Any facility with that much money tied up in it deserves the maximum usage it could have," Mr. Popple said. "The increased service made available to you and your families is going to offset the costs," he pointed out.

A figure of \$12,000 per year was given as an estimate of the salary that would have to be borne by the municipality for a recreation director.

Mr. Popple noted that the Provincial Government at present is pledging \$2,500. towards salaries of recreation directors at the outset, and that \$2,500 could also be expected from the government for office and operating costs, although that policy is under review.

"A person can recoup a good part of his salary because of the service he gives," Mr. Popple stressed. Part time or volunteer help did not accomplish as much as a full time recreation director could for the good of the municipality.

He noted that the more municipalities that could become involved, the better, since that would reduce costs, and that one man could handle a population base of up to 10,000.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey, a guest at the dinner, was asked to calculate the actual cost to each homeowner of the \$10,000 that would be incurred by the municipality. He said that it would make a difference in taxes of about \$2 per ratepayer including the seasonal residents who could also expect to benefit from the ideas and leadership of the director.

Mr. Popple urged any who think that a recreation program was a high priority for the municipality to make the belief known.



Don Popple, office manager of Curry Motors Ltd., and former recreation director for the Town of Newmarket, was the guest speaker at the Rotary Club monthly meeting. Mr. Popple told the club that it would only cost \$2 per taxpayer to have a recreation director in Dysart et al. Thanking Mr. Popple were Scott LaRue, who arranged to have the speaker at the meeting, and Art Ward, president of the Rotary Club.



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UPCOMING
Community
Events

Minden & District Horticultural Society, March General Meeting
When: March 7, 2017 at 1:00 pm
Where: Minden Community Centre, 55 Parkside St. Minden
Guest Speaker: Leora Berman, The Land Between
For more info: minden@gardenontario.org
Refreshment theme: "Crazy for Coconut!" We welcome your coconut treats

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129-Haliburton, Presents The Haliburton Trio
When: Saturday, March 11, 4:00 to 7:00 pm
Where: Haliburton Legion, Clubroom
Cost: \$5.00 cover charge for non-members
50/50 draw at 6:00 pm, Enjoy delicious meal for \$6.00 by the Ladies Auxiliary
For information contact: Linda at 705-457-2064

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Discovery Days: Reptile Road Show
When: Saturday, Mar. 18, 10 am start time until noon (arrive before 10 please for registration)
This is of our most popular events of the year! The knowledgeable folks from Scales Nature Park will bring their highly acclaimed outreach program to Haliburton once again, with a selection of interesting snakes and turtles for us to see, touch, and learn about.
Tickets must be purchased before the event either online at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca or in person at our office at 739 Mountain St. Haliburton.
Cost: General Admission, \$15.00 per adult, \$10.00 Per child, Family Pass (up to 2 adults and 2 children) \$30.00
Location: Haliburton Outdoors Association Fish Hatchery, 6712 Gelert Rd. Haliburton

Lino Block Printing Creative Interlude with Darby Bayly
Where: Visible Voices Open Arts Studio
March 19 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Suggested Donation: \$15 (or pay what you can)
"Design, carve, and print your own lino block. It's kind of like a rubber stamp!
Great for making your own greeting cards, gift tags, wrapping paper or wall art."

Haliburton Blood Donor Clinic
When: Monday, March 27th
1:30-6:30pm
Where: Haliburton Legion, 719 Mountain St.
To book your appointment please visit www.blood.ca

100 Women Who Care Spring Meeting
When: Wednesday, March 29, 6:30 to 8:00pm
Where: The Dominion Hotel Dining Room, Bobcaygeon Road, Minden
We are 100 WOMEN WHO CARE -we meet for 1 hour, 3 times a year. We raise money for local charities in our county. At our first meeting we raised over \$3000 for Food for Kids. If you are a woman who cares - come to our meeting and see how we do it. IT'S AWESOME!

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Discovery Days: Sounds of the Night: Owl Prowl!
When: Saturday, Apr. 8, 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Who goes "hoo" in the night? Join Haliburton naturalist Pauline Ploard and listen in the dark for owls calling. Dress warmly, including your footwear, and bring a headlamp or flashlight. Our leader will be Pauline Ploard. Admission by donation.
Location: Meet at Zion United Church, 1021 East Rd. Carnarvon at 8:00 pm where carpools will be arranged and directions provided.
Cost: Admission by donation

Razzamataz Kids Shows
When: Sunday April 9, 2017, 2:00pm
Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion
Terzetto by L'Aubergine, QC

Wild Leeks, Edibles & Spring Wildflowers
When: Saturday, May 6, 10:00 am- 12:00 noon
Where: Abbey gardens, 1012 Garden Gate Dr. Haliburton (off Hwy 118 West of Haliburton)
Leader: Carolyn Langdon, Windfall Food Forest, forager and food forester
Cost: \$5.00 per person, includes soup (payment may be made online or in person on the day of the event)

Books, quilts, hockey and more

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This is March, right? Spring will come in March and things will green up, won't they? At least we know there will be green things around on the 17th which is St. Patrick's Day. And local book club leaders Maureen O'Hara and Julie Thornton may have had a little green in mind when they planned having members reading books set in Ireland and/or by Irish authors this month. Some surely selected one of Maeve Binchy's tales.

Murder In An Irish Village by Carlene O'Connor, a whodunit with a female self-appointed sleuth, proved humorous and fast paced as she tries to run a bistro, tend her four younger siblings and defend an older brother accused of murder. Her fictitious village set near the place where I once kissed the Blarney Stone sure brought back some fine memories. It will be great to hear about other Irish stories when the club meets at the end of March.

Eight teams played in the Freddie Agnew Memorial Hockey Tournament at the arena here this past weekend. Teams of men of all ages from here and other communities suit up for this annual friendly competition. At the nearby diner observing players taking a break between games and having food and good fun together one realized that many of them were likely

just babies when hockey-loving Freddie, still a young man left his family and friends while playing his last game. It is good he is remembered and honoured with this tournament.

My mother often said, "Many hands make light work" when she wanted us to work together to get certain tasks completed as quickly and gladly as possible. That is what has been happening with quilting of the coverlet that the Heritage Guild will raffle for projects at the Outpost Museum. The quilt is already off the frames! Thanks to the willing hands and hearts of Marilyn Crane, Jill Lee, Joan Noble, Linda Cameron, Flo Elliott, Linda Nottage for their super efforts. Even I pitched in hoping Mother would have approved of my stitches.

Belated congratulation to the hardworking creative folks who are the Bark Lake Cultural Developments group for providing the Across Canada Dinner program. It was on the evening of Feb. 18 in Gooberham at the Robert MacCausland Memorial Centre. The dinner, which included foods that represented various parts of Canada, was delicious and plentiful. The evening included a penny raffle, draws and a delightful quiz about various Canadian sites and events. Loved the giant picturesque wall maps that actually had all the quiz answers for those willing to go up and find them. The evening was topped off with four well-costumed characters telling some of the early history of the area. They were Irondale founder Charles Pusey and Mrs. Pusey along with a hard working stern school teacher and an industrious Peter Barr who farmed, ran a store as well as being the local undertaker. This very well attended event was greatly enjoyed. Thanks for a fine evening celebrating local history.

Local cadet reaches top rung

On Feb. 15, HHSS student Sonora Plumb was promoted to the rank of chief petty officer first class (CPO1) at her sea cadet corps. This is the highest rank that a cadet can attain in the Canadian Sea Cadet Organization. Chief Plumb has attended sea cadets with the 229 Viking corps in Bancroft for the past six years. She is currently serving as the coxswain of her corps and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to her role. During her time as a cadet, Chief Plumb has earned many qualifications including her CanSail 1, pleasure craft operator card, and radio operator certificate - marine. She has also had the opportunity to sail at two provincial regattas, participate in orienteering competitions, sail for a week on a tall ship, and train on an Orca-class patrol vessel. Bravo Zulu, Sonora!

Submitted

Sonora Plumb receives her new CPO1 badge from Area Cadet Officer Lt(N) Andrika Dutka while Commanding Officer Lt(N) Stephane Richer looks on.



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Trial by Jury to be staged in Haliburton

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Present at the Community Centre's board meeting

on Monday, Feb. 27 were Aaron Walker, Carm Sawyer, Cindy Griffin, Tanya Sisson, Lynn Morrison, Dave Walker, Marlene Maxwell, Randy and Arlene Burch, Robert van Nood, Walt McKechnie and Eleanor Cooper (also a visitor whose name was not available).

Congratulations were passed around on the success of the Snow Shuffle, noting that there were 150 sponsors this year.

Robert van Nood offered his expertise in restoring the county sign seen at the corner of 118 and the Ken- nisis Road turn. Cindy Griffin has volunteered to be

secretary for the committee.

Trial by Jury cast for this work by Gilbert and Sul- livan will be performed at St. George's Church on April 2 at 2 p.m. and on April 5 at 7 p.m., and involves (amongst others) David Zilstra, Christopher Chum- bley, Eleanor Cooper, Kathleen Owens, Pat Piché and Judy Cole.

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March 8, 2007

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640 IN MEMORIAM

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Dad

Papa

Mr. Lee

Big D.

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He is survived by his wife of 44 years Willamay; his son Nahum
(Zoe Posynick) and 6 grandchildren Oberon, Autumn, Yelena,
Imogen, Elanor, and Uri; his son Lyam (Tara Hannah); his
daughter Olivia (Terry Jules); his brothers Bruce, Earle and
Robert and his sister Thelma and their families.

Dan never wanted a fuss, but on the anniversary of his death
we offer this simple remembrance to a very special soul.

"Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow,
I am the diamond glints in the snow,
I am the sunset on ripened grain,
I am the gentle autumn's rain.

When you awaken in the mornings hush,
I am the sweet uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight,
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry
I am not there, I did not die." Mary Elizabeth Frye

It is an extraordinary gift to love the way we do,
and be loved the way we were, having this remarkable man in our lives.
Mr. Lee taught many students and worked with many wonderful people during his career.
If you have a story that you would like to share with us,
we would love to hear from you.
Emails can be sent to mr.leebigd@gmail.com

650 OBITUARIES

In Loving Memory of

Michael Proctor

Passed away peacefully on at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on
Wednesday, March 1, 2017. At the age of 87.



Beloved husband of Sonya and the late Muriel (1998). Dear father of Robert and
predeceased by Mervin and Diane. Loving papa to Michelle (Peter), and grand-
father to Tara, Leanne, Robert, Jennifer, Meaghan, great papa to Breanna (Matt),
Dylan (predeceased) and great great papa to Aiden, Olivia and Hudson. Dear brother of Walter
(Ute) and predeceased by many brothers and sisters. Fondly remembered by Paul (Linda), Colleen
(Steve), John (Danielle), Joan (Joe) and families.

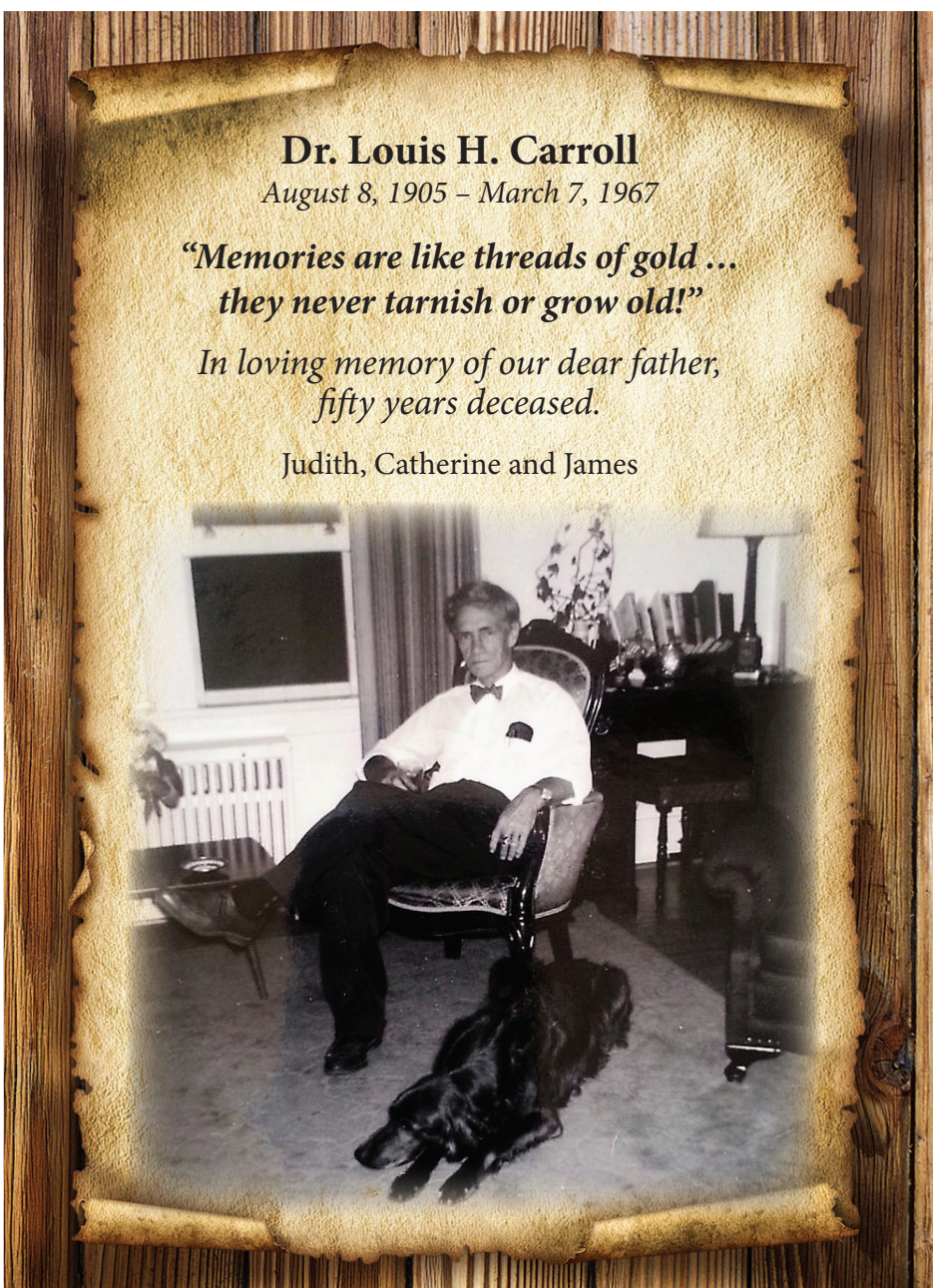
Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd, 127 Bobcaygeon
Road, P.O. Box 427, Minden, K0M 2K0 on Friday, March 10, 2017 from 11:00 am until the time of the
Service to Celebrate Michael's Life at 1:00 pm. Reception to
follow in the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the funeral home.
Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation
or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation
would be appreciated by the family.



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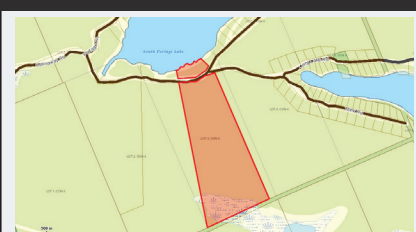
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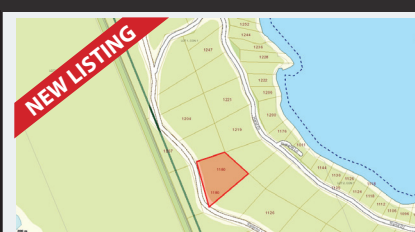
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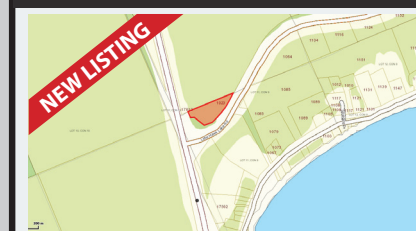
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